

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Please replace the paragraph spanning pages 18-19 of the specification with the following new paragraph:**

The K<sup>+</sup>-containing buffer used in the examples set forth below is a HEPES buffer to which potassium has also been added (5 mM KCl, 4 mM NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, 5 mM HEPES, 134 mM NaCl, 2.3 mM CaCl<sub>2</sub>, and 5 mM glucose; pH 7.3 - 7.5, preferably 7.4), and is also referred to as “regular” or “stock” buffer. The K<sup>+</sup>-free buffer used in the examples is a HEPES buffer without potassium (4 mM NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, 5 mM HEPES, 134 mM NaCl, 2.3 mM CaCl<sub>2</sub>, and 5 mM glucose; pH 6.6 - 7.0, preferably 6.8-7.8).